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SUBJ: NARCOTICS SEIZURES IN BURMA

1. (UNCLASSIFIED) THOUGH THE ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORTS OF THE BURMA ARMY IN THE COUNTRYSIDE ARE RARELY PUBLICIZED, THE GUB DOES PUBLISH OCCASIONAL ACCOUNTS OF POLICE WORK IN URBAN AREAS AGAINST TRAFFICKERS. DURING FEBRUARY, LOCAL PAPERS CARRIED NINE SEPARATE ACCOUNTS OF ARRESTS AND SEIZURES CONDUCTED BY POLICE. RESULTS WERE SEIZURE OF APPROXIMATELY 100 KILOGRAMS OF RAW OPIUM VALUED (AT THE RELATIVELY LOW BURMA PRICE) AT ABOUT 150,000 KYAT (U.S. \$24,190) 7,000 KYAT (U.S. \$1130) OF NUMBER FOUR HEROIN, AND OTHER NARCOTIC DRUGS, INCLUDING MARIJUANA. FOURTEEN TRAFFICKERS IN ALL WERE ARRESTED.

2. (CONFIDENTIAL) UNPUBLICIZED, BUT KNOWN TO MISSION, WERE PERSISTENT EFFORTS BY BURMA ARMY AGAINST TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS, PARTICULARLY LO HSING-HAN REMNANTS IN SOUTHERN SHAN STATE AND SHAN STATE ARMY IN CENTRAL SHAN STATE. THESE CONTINUED IN FEBRUARY DESPITE THE DISTRACTION OF A MAJOR BURMA COMMUNIST PARTY OFFENSIVE WHICH BURMA ARMY THWARTED.

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